

The Times.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY.

NATIONAL—Eleanor Robson, in "Merry Mary Ann," 8:15 p. m.
COLUMBIA—"A Chinese Honeymoon," 8:15 p. m.
LAFAYETTE—Richard Buhler, in "Paul Revere," 8:15 and 8:45 p. m.
CHASE—Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
ACADEMY—"The Stain of Guilt," 8 p. m.
EMPIRE—"A Hot Old Time," 2 and 8 p. m.
LYCEUM—Rice & Barton Extravaganza Company, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

MATINEES TOMORROW.

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EXCURSION.

Norfolk and Washington steamer for Norfolk and Port Monroe, 6:30 p. m.

TIMES WANT AD BRANCH.

Want advertisements and subscriptions for The Evening and Sunday Times will be received at regular office rates at O'Donnell & Rogers' Pharmacy, corner Eighth and G Streets southeast.

Where Huntsmen Bag Their Game.

The supply of ducks is said to be rapidly increasing along the lower Potomac, and in a few days some big bags are expected to be reported by local hunters. Those who have been in search of sport. Game is also reported to be plentiful in Alexandria county, Va., and Prince George county, Md., and many gunners will probably take advantage of the holidays to go on gunning trips, and should meet with good luck.

Information for Fishermen

The water at Great Falls today is nearly clear, registering 35.
Reports from Harpers Ferry state the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers are in about the same condition.

Oscar Olsen landed five bass out of seven strikes at the foot of Seventh Street yesterday morning. The fish averaged about a pound and a half each.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

James N. Rowen, 23, and Berdie L. Cole, 23, both of Manchester, Va.
Roy R. Young, 31, Alexandria county, Va., and C. Virginia Roache, 17, District of Columbia.
Edgar G. Weymouth, 23, and Louise Clayton, both of Richmond, Va.
Mark Hely Nolley, 21, and Mary Ellen Queen, 20, both of Prince George county, Md.
Percy O. Rosson, 23, and Lacie Hawkins, 19, both of Culpeper, Va.
W. Hackett Williams, 27, and Fannie R. White, 24.
R. H. Jobe, 23, Wilmington, N. C., and Lu Ree M. Harper, 21, District of Columbia.
Samuel Jeffers, 22, and Golden B. Cline, 21.
William Thornton, 22, and Rosa Estelle Dillon, 20.
Thomas I. Pearson, 23, and Rena May Payne, 19, both of Marshall, Va.
Charles Burton, 21, and Virginia Ellis, 18.
Ernest L. Green, 21, and Nelson N. C. and Lizzie Keith Turner, 23, Broad Run, Va.
Henry Davis, 23, and Louise Burke, 19.
Herbert F. Mitchell, 25, and Mary W. Phelps, 23.
Sterling McDonald, 22, and Marie Tyler, 20.
Oray C. Washington, 25, and Sarah A. Davis, 24.
Philip Saffrau, 23, District of Columbia, and Beesie Aaronson, 19, Baltimore.
Charles E. Summers, 21, and Emma L. Mead, 19.
S. L. Scott, 24, Fredericksburg, Va., and Marian L. Reeves, 23, District of Columbia.
John P. Jones, 27, and Edna Madeline Rody, 25.
Ernest Smallwood, 26, and Helena Thomas, 23.
Edward Mahoney, 22, Salem, Pa., and Mattie L. Cook, 22, District of Columbia.
Ernest S. Cook, 22, and Mollie M. Bareford, 23, both of Baltimore, Md.
Arthur Wiggins, 23, and Hattie Bell, 21.
Elmore Ross, 21, and Eva M. Poin-dexter, 19.
James E. Young, 30, and Jeredine Hickman, 24.
Frank J. Fauth, 23, and Teresa M. Emerson, 24.
Albert A. Strauss, 25, District of Columbia, and Lydia Thompson, 24, Forestville, Md.
John J. Swan, 23, and Georgia H. Crane, 18.

ONE YEAR IN PENITENTIARY.

Louis Lageman, alias Walter C. Hansen, formerly a sergeant in the United States Hospital Corps at Washington, who was convicted of grand larceny in Criminal Court No. 1, was sentenced by Justice Pritchard to imprisonment for a year and a day in the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va. The complaining witness against Lageman was Sergt. O'Connor J. Jones, from whom it was shown he stole a watch and \$200 in cash.

Souvenir Christmas and New Year Postal cards. Just imported. At Droop's, 825 Pa. ave. n.w.

INCREASE IN BIRTHS SHOWN BY REPORT

Number Recorded by Health Officer William C. Woodward the Past Week Was 127.

According to the weekly report of the Health Officer, William C. Woodward, shows that 127 births were recorded in the Health Office for the seven days ended December 19. This is an increase of twenty-eight over the number recorded during the preceding week, but is less than the number of deaths which occurred during the same period last year. The number of births among white people was 89, six more than the white deaths, and the number recorded among colored was 38, which is thirteen less than the number of deaths which occurred in the same class. Ninety-two births were reported by physicians, and thirty-five by midwives. The hospitals and asylums of the District were very generally represented in last week's returns.

The number of deaths occurring in the District during the week ended on Saturday last was 124, as compared with 120 during the previous week and 113 during the corresponding period of 1902. Of the above number 83 were white and 41 colored. These figures represent an annual death rate per 1,000 inhabitants of 21.1 for the whites, 23.4 for the colored, and 23.6 for the entire population.

The death rates for the previous week were 17.0, 26.3, and 22.9, respectively, and for the corresponding period of last year 17.7, 25.5, and 20.1, respectively. The prevailing causes of death were diseases of the heart, 19; consumption, 15; pneumonia, 10; apoplexy, 5; malignant growths, 5; typhoid fever, bronchitis, congestion of lungs, and diseases of kidneys, 4 each. There occurred two deaths from burns, and one suicide and one murder were reported.

The number of typhoid fever cases continues to decrease, there being 5 new cases reported and 13 discharged, leaving 36 under treatment at the close of the week, as against 24 at the close of the corresponding week of last year.

In diphtheria the conditions remain about the same, there having been 6 new cases reported and 8 discharged, leaving the same number (12) under observation, quarantined in 10 premises.

Scarlet fever cases were reduced from 24 to 28, 6 new cases occurring and 12 discharges. These 23 cases are quarantined in 18 premises.

There was an increase of one as regards smallpox. Two new cases developed and 1 was discharged, leaving 3 cases now under treatment in the hospital.

The weather conditions prevalent during the past week were: Temperature (mean), 29 degrees; relative humidity, 64; mean actual barometer, 30.18. The winds were northwesterly, averaging 7 miles per hour. The maximum temperature was 51 degrees on the 18th and the minimum temperature 19 degrees on the 19th. There was a rainfall of 0.25 inches.

TWENTY-FIVE PRISONERS SENT TO MOUNDSVILLE

Among the District prisoners sent to the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., to serve their sentences are Andrew Holland, the negro garbage man, who pleaded guilty to criminal assault and was sentenced by Justice Pritchard to imprisonment for twenty-five years; John C. Smith, who pleaded guilty to two indictments for assault with intent to kill, and Louis Bertole, who pleaded guilty to housebreaking and was sentenced to imprisonment for ten years.

In all, twenty-five prisoners were sent to Moundsville. It is the first batch of convicts sent to that penitentiary since it was opened a few days ago as a place of confinement for the District prisoners.

DEATH RECORD.

The following deaths have been reported to the Health Department for the twenty-four hours ended at noon today:

William Beron, 86 years.
William Lampher, 30 years.
Harrison Autepkins, 65 years.
Mary E. Greenwalt, 50 years.
George Gremmel, 59 years.
Arthur Campbell, 51 years.
William L. Howe, 56 years.
Charles Chamberlain, 56 years.
Carrie E. Swartwout, 55 years.
Harriet Buchanan, 49 years.
Annie West, 45 years.
Carrie McCall, 38 years.
Peyton Bell, 32 years.
Eva P. Linkins, 28 years.
Charles L. Mumford, 28 years.
Edward Beckett, 25 years.
Henry C. Cook, 21 years.
Louis Cornell, 1 year.
Joseph R. Johnson, 1 year.
Beattie Montgomery, 13 months.
Alphonso L. Wilson, 4 months.
Mary M. Hill, 3 months.
John Jones, 1 day.

Must Be Sold. Few Tons First Quality Anthracite coal, stove, egg and nut, \$2.25 per ton, delivered. S. S. Daish & Sons, 298 Florida ave. northeast.

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REPLACING OF PAYMENT NEAR M'KINLEY SCHOOL

Director of Manual Training Complains of Noise on Seventh Street Side of the Building.

The District Commissioners today submitted to the House subcommittee on appropriations a letter received by them from J. A. Chamberlain, director of manual training in the District. Mr. Chamberlain requests that the Belgian block pavement on Seventh Street, between Q and R Streets, be replaced with asphalt.

The Commissioners recommend the matter be brought to the attention of the subcommittee, to be discussed when consideration is given another request for the same improvement farther down town, in the business section of the same street.

Mr. Chamberlain says wagons passing over the Belgian block make so much noise that recitations are continually interrupted in the schoolrooms which face Seventh Street. The Technical High School is in this block and the cost of the improvement is estimated at \$5,000.

ALLEGED SPECULATION LEADS TO RECEIVERSHIP

A temporary receiver has been named for the Windham County National Bank of Danvers, Conn. The superior court has named the receiver on petition of Mrs. Ella S. Russell, of Killingly, widow of ex-Congressman Charles A. Russell. It is alleged the president of the bank and certain directors have been using the funds of the bank for stock speculations.

Under information from National Bank Examiner Barrows that a temporary receiver had been named by the court, T. P. Kane, Acting Controller of the Currency, appointed Ellis S. Pepper, receiver. He instructed the examiner to take and hold possession of the bank until the arrival of the receiver to make an examination of the institution. Mr. Pepper is receiver of the Southport National Bank, of Southport, Conn.

COMMISSIONERS FAVOR BILL ON SUBDIVISIONS

The District Commissioners today recommended favorable action upon House bill 2834.

This bill authorizes the resubdivision of lots or blocks in the District of Columbia. It was referred to the board recently by the chairman of the House Committee on District Affairs.

DESERTER SURRENDERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Charles A. Britton, a private in the United States Army, gave himself up to the police, and in west side court told Magistrate Hogan he had deserted last Sunday when his regiment was about to embark for the Philippines. He had been drinking, he said, and was sorry. He was taken to Governors Island.

LOST FINGER BY BUZZ SAW.

Working in the planing mill at Four-and-a-half Street and Maryland Avenue southwest, yesterday, Fred Kettner, of 3419 O Street northwest, had his left hand caught by a circular saw and one finger was cleanly cut off. His injury was dressed at the Emergency Hospital.

TEN YEARS IN PENITENTIARY.

Thomas Stover, alias Edward Thornton, convicted in Criminal Court No. 1 of robbery, has been sentenced by Justice Pritchard to imprisonment for ten years in the penitentiary.

Floral Remembrances at Xmas.

The suggestion of Gude's American Beauties is appropriate. Finest specimens. 124 F.

The "Royal Limited" Finest Washington-New York service. Leaves B. & O. R. R. station daily, 3 p. m., arriving Philadelphia, 5:31, and New York 8 p. m. All Pullman, parlor, buffet-smoker, observation, and dining cars.

HOTEL MEN LAMENT DULLNESS OF SEASON

Congressmen Depart for Holidays, and There Are Few Arrivals at the Principal Hostleries.

Hotel proprietors and all others who have business with visitors in Washington and that part of the floating population that makes its home in the boarding houses and hotels, are asserting that the season is the dullest in years. The extra session is held responsible for the condition.

Nearly all of the Congressmen who returned to their homes for the holidays, and naturally the crowds that follow Congress have done the same. There were not more than half a dozen arrivals each at all of the prominent hotels today. It is expected that this condition will continue until after the New Year.

NEARING END OF CASE OF KNIGHTS OF LABOR

Taking of Testimony Practically Completed.

The hearing in the Knights of Labor case, which has been occupying the attention of Justice Anderson in Equity Court, No. 1, for three weeks, is drawing to a close. The Hayes faction, the defendant, concluded its side of the testimony yesterday afternoon, and evidence in rebuttal was offered in behalf of the Burns wing of the Knights of Labor.

It is quite likely the taking of testimony will be finished this afternoon. Considering the fact tomorrow is Christmas Eve, and is recognized as a semi-holiday it is not probable that counsel will begin the arguments to the court until after the holidays.

SIX PATENTS GRANTED TO DISTRICT CITIZENS

The patent issue last week was rather light, as there were only 573 patents and 26 designs.

Patents and designs issued to citizens of the United States numbered 538, and those to citizens of foreign countries 39. Six patents were granted to citizens of the District of Columbia.

PLAYED WITH DYNAMITE.

Raymond Turner, a ten-year-old negro of Langley, Va., secured possession of a dynamite cartridge yesterday and proceeded to have some fun with it. When it went off it took but one finger from his right hand. His mother brought him to this city and to the Emergency Hospital, where his wounds were dressed. The surgeon fears lockjaw may develop.

STRUCK BY RUNAWAY HORSE.

James P. Colbert, living at 1347 I Street northeast, the railroad gateman at the Delaware Avenue and H Street crossing of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was yesterday struck by a runaway horse driven by Joseph Colvin. His injury consisted of bruises on the leg, which were dressed at the Casualty Hospital.

BABY THROWN FROM TRAIN.

HAVERFORD, Pa., Dec. 23.—A baby, apparently about three months old, wrapped in tissue paper, was found lying alongside the railroad tracks, between Villanova and Radnor, and taken to the Radnor depot. The infant had evidently been thrown from an express train a short time before.

A Timely Suggestion.

Why not open savings accounts for your children in the United Trust & Savings Co., 1414 F? 2 per cent interest paid.

"Every Hour on the Hour" to Baltimore. B. & O. R. R. service, 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. week. Returning in like manner. Unexcelled service to Philadelphia and New York.

RUMOR OF DISLOYALTY TO BE INVESTIGATED

Fear That Granite Cutters Have Rebelled in the Duehey Strike.

A rumor to the effect that the granite cutters had rebelled in the strike against Duehey & Sons and Architect Schneider was heard on all sides yesterday, and the result was the appointment of an investigating committee by the members of the Allied Building Trades Council at a meeting of that organization at 524 Sixth Street northwest last evening. This committee will make efforts this afternoon to ascertain whether the rumor is true. If it is, the Building Trades Council, which instituted a strike against Duehey & Sons and Architect Schneider last fall, will have slim chances of carrying out their plan to hamper building operations on the three large apartment houses in course of construction by these firms.

At the meeting last evening delegates from the Granite Cutters' Union were conspicuous, because of their absence at such a crucial moment. The view of the rumors heard and the absence of the delegates, the investigation committee was chosen. A resolution declaring that the strike be maintained at any cost was adopted by the council of the trades, and efforts will be made to corral Plumbers' Union, No. 5; Interior Marble Workers' Union, Nos. 5 and 23, and possibly the Granite Cutters' Union, and bring them back into line.

WILL GET FIREWOOD FOR CUTTING TREES

Martin Doolan, watchman at Brightwood reservoir, is going to get his winter's firewood cheaper, perhaps, than any other person in the District.

The District Commissioners have just given him permission to cut down nine large trees which stand in the line of Sixteenth Street, which is being extended. The Commissioners will give Mr. Doolan the wood for his work in removing the trees.

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OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL XMAS.

NOTICE—This store will be closed all day Christmas, Dec. 25th, and Saturday, Dec. 26th, to give our employees a well-earned rest.

The Final Call on XMAS GIFTS

2-piece Carving Sets, \$1.00	Tool Chests, \$3 to \$20
3-piece Carving Sets, in case, \$2.50	Barney & Berry Ice Skates, 50c
Set of 6 Celluloid Handle Table Knives, \$1.75	Pocket Knives, 25c, 50c up to \$3
Guaranteed Razors, \$1.00	Each knife in a separate box. Pearl Handle Knives, special
Safety Razors, \$1.50	Xmas Tree Holders, 15c to 65c

John B. ESPEY, Hardware, 1010 Pa. Ave.

MILLIONS OF TOYS

Hudson's Variety Store, New Location, 416 Seventh Street.

"Hello, Central! Gimme North, 4-11-44."

Got 'em, did you? All right. See next Sunday's Times and find out how it was all done by the "Hello Girl" at the new Northwest Exchange.

Washington's Best Newspaper

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Seeded Raisins	10c
Cleaned Currants	10c
Almonds	15c
Mixed Nuts	12c; 9 lbs for \$1.00
Pure Candy	10c and 15c
Choice Figs	15c
Dates	10c
2 1/2 lbs. Gran. Sugar	\$1.00
Prunes	10c
Peaches	75c
Apricots	125c
4 cans Tomatoes	25c
Ex. Sifted Peas	10c

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This building has been sold. We must vacate.

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\$1.50 English Squares, 60c, 50c, and 75c Neckwear, Four-in-Hands and Imperial, 35c-3 for \$1.

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506 Ninth Street

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